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To whom it may concern,

It is our understanding that the DEEP is reluctant to perform an annual drawdown of Bashan Lake in East Haddam. We feel that this is critical to the well-being of the lake and the surrounding lake properties.

The drawdown protects the property owners' walls from ice damage in the spring, which in turn protect the lake from run-off and erosion. It also helps with invasive weed control, a problem that we have been fighting for many years, by allowing the weeds in shallow areas to be exposed and frozen during the winter months. This problem has been exacerbated by the extremely low water level last summer following the repair to the dam on Bashan Lake. The lake now has new species of invasive plants which will need to be dealt with. Again, treatment of these weeds is critical to the health of the lake and to property values around the lake.

We ask your support for House Bill 5583 titled: AN ACT CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING ANNUAL WATER LEVEL DRAW DOWNS AT BASHAN LAKE IN THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM.

Respectfully,

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